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Only 9 more miles to go...

An Update on the Avenue of the Saints

Interchange News

In our earlier newsletter, we indicated that we hoped to open the east side of the new interchange this fall. However **the ramps at the interchange will more than likely not be opened to traffic until next year.** Crews are continuing to work on the overpass at **the new interchange on Route 61 at Route 27** (formerly the 136 Spur) near Running Fox Elementary School to ensure the safest possible travel for area residents. The east and west portions of the interchange will continue to be under construction with no access for traffic to Route 61 at Route 27. Access to County Road 309 from the east side of the interchange will remain



closed until the ramps are open to traffic. Motorists wishing to travel on Route 61 to Alexandria will have to continue using the posted detour to the interchange at Wayland until next spring.

Clark County

The final section of the Avenue of the Saints is on schedule with 70% of the work completed. **Two-way traffic is now traveling on the new northbound lanes** so that the soon-to-be southbound lanes can be constructed and tied in to some of the existing pieces. The paving crew is scheduled to begin paving along the southbound sections in November, starting at the north end of the project going south. In June 2008, when the final section in Clark County is finished, more than 500 miles of four-lane highway connecting three states from St. Paul, Minnesota through Iowa to St. Louis, Missouri will be complete.



Lewis County



Since MoDOT opened the six miles of Route 61 in Lewis County, crews have completed striping and are continuing to work on areas of the pavement to ensure a smoother ride for motorists. These repairs should be completed and all lanes opened to traffic by the end of October.

For more information, go to www.modot.org/northeast and click on the Avenue of the Saints link. If you would like to receive email updates about the project, send us a note at customerservice3@modot.mo.gov or call 1-888-275-6636.



Planning for a ceremony. Just think....this time next year the entire Avenue of the Saints, from St. Paul to St. Louis, will be a four-lane highway! We realize, however, that the most important thing to you is getting the stretch in Clark County DONE! Since the final nine miles is in Clark County, MoDOT, Iowa DOT and the Minnesota DOT are all planning to hold a ceremony in this area. Where, you might ask? Good question! We do not have the details worked out, yet, but we are looking for your suggestions for a location, preferably along Route 27 north of the new interchange at Running Fox School. We will need an outside location that will accommodate several hundred people and vehicles. The ceremony will most likely be held in June 2008. Give us a call with your suggestions at 1-888-275-6636 and ask for Tana.